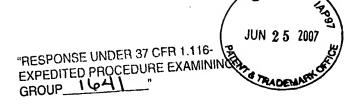
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In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 6 of this paper.

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